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SUBJ. MARKET DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TASK FORCE TO EASTERN
EUROPE

REF: (A) FASTO 02, (B) STATE 60665

1. WE WELCOME REFERENCED FASTO WHICH INDICATES PLANS FOR TASK FORCE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WE FIND PROPOSED DATES FOR VISIT TO GDR ARE SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, IN VIEW SCHEDULING OF EAST EUROPEAN E/C OFFICERS CONFERENCE IN WEEK IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TASK FORCE VISIT, WE BELIEVE LOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN GARMISCH CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CANCELLED. TIGHT TIMEFRAME WILL REQUIRE CONTINUING CLOSE ATTENTION TO PLANNING AND ABSENCE OF TOP EMBASSY OFFICERS AT CONFERENCE WILL NOT PERMIT ALTERNATE STAFFING OF TASK FORCE PREPARATIONS. IF, HOWEVER, GDR FINAL APPROVAL OF TASK FORCE VISIT WERE NOT REPEAT NOT OBTAINED, LOWEN WOULD ATTEND GARMISH CONFERENCE.

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2. WE HAVE CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO DISCUSS WITH DR. MOENCH OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY SUBJECT OF TASK FORCE VISIT. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE TO SEEK PROMPT APPROVAL OF GDR GOVERNMENT FOR THIS VISIT. (WE WILL ADVISE WHEN APPROVAL RECEIVED; IF APPROVAL FIRST SENT THROUGH GDR EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON, PLEASE ADVISE

SOONEST.) ONCE APPROVAL IS GRANTED, WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO FIRM UP OFFICIAL VISITS IN AREAS OF INTEREST. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS PROMISED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF. FASTO WILL BE WELCOME.

3. WE HAVE RESERVED FIVE SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH IN HOTEL METROPOL. PRICE OF ROOMS IS 120 MARKS WITH BREAKFAST INCLUDED. PRICE OF SINGLE ROOM WITH BATH AT UNDER DEN LINDEN, ALSO CONVENIENT TO THE EMBASSY, IS 60 MARKS. HOWEVER, OVERALL QUALITY OF ROOMS AND HOTEL SERVICE MIGHT NOT MEET NEEDS OF TASK FORCE. IF CHANGE IN HOTEL RESERVATIONS DESIRED, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

4. OUTLINED PLANS FOR DIRECT ARRIVAL OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS IN GDR IS CURRENT PROCEDURE AND WILL AVOID LENGTHY DELAYS. TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN VISITS TO WEST BERLIN UNLESS PREPARED FOR SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL TIME AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS. IF QUESTIONS ARISE, CLARIFICATION CAN BE SOUGHT FROM STATE GDR DESK OFFICER.

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